

### **REMARKS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 16, 2006.

#### **Summary**

Claims 1, 3 – 7, 9, 12, 14 -18 are allowed.

Claim 10 was cancelled.

#### **Claims Rejections**

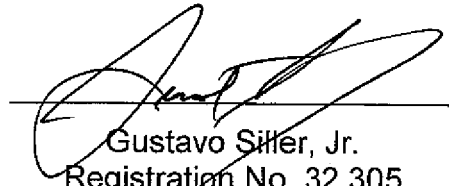
Claims 10 -11 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohsumi (U.S. Patent No. 6,816,214). Applicant has cancelled Claim 10. Dependent Claim 11 depends from allowable Claim 1, so is allowable for at least this reason.

**Conclusion**

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

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